

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-2, 13-14 and 17 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 3-12 and 15-16 have been cancelled. New claim 17 been added.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kaneko et al. and Kim et al. It is respectfully submitted, however, that the claims are now patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... forming a groove, in which a portion of the adhesive flows, at a periphery of the holding plate ...

... wherein the groove **(i) is positioned** between the adhesive and the outer edge of the holding plate and **(ii) has dimensions sufficient for preventing the adhesive from reaching the outer edge of the holding plate** when the panel and the holding plate are bonded together. (Emphasis added).

Basis for this amendment may be found, for example, at page 8, lines 10-12 and Figs. 5, 6A and 6B of the originally filed application. No new matter has been added.

The Official Action argues that although described in Applicant's specification, the claims do not recite that groove 14B prevents adhesive from leaking into the periphery. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to recite that "... groove **(i) is positioned** between the adhesive and the outer edge of the holding plate and **(ii) has dimensions sufficient for preventing the adhesive from reaching the outer edge of the holding plate ..."**

Applicant has attached a copy of Applicant's Figs. 6A and 6B with markings (Exhibit A) to assist with the explanation. Exhibit A is being used for illustrative purposes only.

Applicant's exemplary embodiment includes a chassis member 14 (holding plate), panel 10 and adhesive 17 (Figs. 5, 6A and 6B). First, as shown in the attached Exhibit A, groove 14B is **positioned** between adhesive 17 and an edge of chassis member 14 (Fig. 6A). That is, groove 14B "... is positioned between the adhesive and the outer edge of the holding plate , " as recited in claim 1. Second, as shown in the attached Exhibit A, groove 14B may include

different **dimensions**. For example, groove 14B may have a height and width, as shown in Fig. 6A of attached Exhibit A. Groove 14B may also have a length. This length may be, for example, equal to a distance which surrounds adhesive 17, as shown in Fig. 5.

Next, when panel 10 and chassis member 14 are bonded together, a portion of adhesive 17 flows into groove 14B, preventing the portion of adhesive 17 from reaching the edge of chassis member 14. (Page 8, lines 10-12 and Fig. 6B). That is, groove 14B may be both positioned and have dimensions "... **sufficient for preventing the adhesive from reaching the outer edge of the holding plate ...**"

That is, Applicant's exemplary embodiment discloses, "... the groove (i) is positioned between the adhesive and the outer edge of the holding plate and (ii) has dimensions sufficient for preventing the adhesive from reaching the outer edge of the holding plate when the panel and the holding plate are bonded together," as recited in claim 1.

Chung does not disclose a groove of any kind. The Official Action also admits that Kaneko does not disclose a groove in which a portion of adhesive flows. The Official Action argues, however, that Fig. 7 of Kim discloses a plurality of projections on chassis plate 22, with grooves in between the projections. (Page 3, lines 11-13 and page 4, last line to page 5, line 6). Kim does not, however, disclose that a "... groove (i) is positioned between the adhesive and the outer edge of the holding plate and (ii) has dimensions sufficient for preventing the adhesive from reaching the outer edge of the holding plate," as recited in claim 1.

Thus, claim 1 is allowable over the art of record. Claim 2 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 2 is also allowable over the art of record.

Claims 13 and 14 were indicated as being allowable if amended to be independent and to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 13 and 14 are allowable, however, because they depend from an allowable claim.

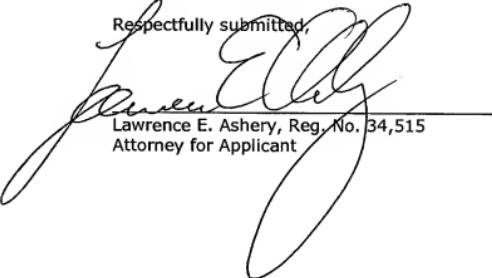
New claim 17 has also been added. Basis for this claim may be found at Fig. 5. No new matter has been added.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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Attachment: Exhibit A

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